
**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to)	CC Docket No. 94-102
Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911)	
Emergency Calling Systems)	
)	
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's)	WT Docket No. 01-309
Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible)	
Telephones)	
)	
Biennial Regulatory Review –)	WT Docket No. 03-264
Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, and 90)	
to Streamline and Harmonize Various)	
Rules Affecting Wireless Radio Services)	
)	
Former Nextel Communications,)	WT Docket No. 06-169
Inc. Upper 700 MHz Guard Band)	
Licenses and Revisions to Part)	
27 of the Commission's Rules)	
)	
Implementing a Nationwide,)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Broadband, Interoperable Public)	
Safety Network in the 700 MHz)	
Band)	
)	
Development of Operational, Technical)	WT Docket No. 96-86
and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting)	
Federal, State and Local Public Safety		
Communications Requirements Through		
the Year 2010		

REPORT AND ORDER AND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Adopted: April 25, 2007

Released: April 27, 2007

COMMENTS OF Sherburne County, Minnesota Emergency Services

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554



To whom it may concern:

Sherburne County Minnesota covers 452 square miles with an approximate population of 80,000 residents. We are an adjacent county to the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and provide support for emergency preparedness and response.

US Highway 10 runs along our west border as a corridor from the Twin Cities metro area to the St. Cloud area and Minnesota Highway 169 runs along our east border and is a popular recreational route.

Additionally we have the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 50,000 acres, in the middle of county creating a significant wild-land/urban interface.

Sherburne County has historically been one of the fastest growing counties in the state because of our recreational opportunities in relation to the Twin Cities and St. Cloud markets. For this reason we, the Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services, need to make sure we can provide our citizens with the best public safety we can.

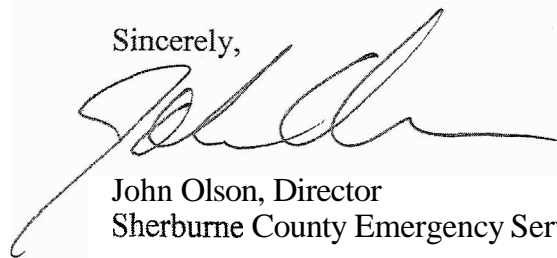
We also need to take advantage of the latest technologies and systems to make sure we can be interoperable with both of the metro markets that we border along with the rural areas we serve.

To this end we are in the process of transitioning to a new system for all aspects of our department including voice and data communications. The plan for this complete overhaul included the intention of being able to coordinate with the Region 22 (Minnesota) Public Safety Regional Planning Committee and take advantage of the 700MHz. bands.

I am not a technical person, nor will I pretend to be. What I do know is that the plan the Region 22 MN-RPC put forth makes sense and will give us the flexibility and options we need in order to provide the best public safety we can for our citizens. It is critical for where we are in our transition process to make important decisions on how we are going to meet our needs for voice and data communications in the future.

Again I will repeat that we support the Region 22 MN-RPC plan because this is what we need to provide effective and efficient communications enhancing interoperability and providing technologies that will support emergency preparedness, response and recovery. We have invested both financial resources and numerous hours for planning the system configuration that best meets the needs of our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Olson', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

John Olson, Director
Sherburne County Emergency Services